IN THE CLAIMS:

Set forth below in ascending order, with status identifiers, is a complete listing of all claims currently under examination. Changes to any amended claims are indicated by strikethrough and underlining. This listing also reflects any cancellation and/or addition of claims.

1. (currently amended) A method of displaying media information, comprising:

generating a three-dimensional image that simultaneously displays only Electronic Program Guide (EPG) information for a plurality of television channels on a first planar surface and only Personal Video Recorder (PVR) information for video files on a second planar surface, the first planar surface being orthogonal to said second planar surface ~~wherein both EPG and PVR information are simultaneously displayed on different surfaces of said three-dimensional image~~; and

in response to a user input, moving said three-dimensional image to change a viewpoint of said three-dimensional image to a detailed view of one of said planar surfaces while maintaining a partial view of the other planar surface to provide contextual information to facilitate a user navigating between EPG information and PVR information.

2. (previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein in response to a user input, one of said planar surfaces is rotated into a face-on view while maintaining a partial view of the other planar surface.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein an intersection of said first planar surface and said second planar surface defines an axis of rotation, the degree of rotation being selectable according to said user input to permit a user to select a face-on view of one of said planar surfaces while maintaining a partial view of the other surface.

4-6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said second surface is moved into a face-on view, the method further comprising:

displaying objects representing drawers on said second planar surface;

responsive to a user input requesting information for a selected drawer,

opening said selected drawer orthogonally to said second surface and displaying information describing stored video files associated with said selected drawer.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein said displaying information describing stored video files comprises:

displaying at least one picture.

9. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said displaying information describing stored video files comprises:

playing at least one audio file.

10. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said displaying information comprises: revealing at least one data pop-up configured for a user to obtain additional information for at least one stored video file.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said at least one data pop-up is a polyhedron having a media thumbnail associated with at least one face of the polyhedron.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

rotating said pop-up to reveal a thumbnail of said polyhedron disposed on a face of said polyhedron that is initially hidden from view.

13. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said data pop-up is a cube having media thumbnails associated with faces of the cube.

14. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said media thumbnail is selected from the group consisting of: an audio thumbnail, a still picture, and a video clip.

15-37. (cancelled)

38. (currently amended) A method of displaying media information, comprising:

generating a three-dimensional image having a curved surface ~~for displaying electronic program guide (EPG) information~~;

displaying ~~(EPG) information as~~ media thumbnails arranged on a circumference of said curved surface of said three-dimensional image, the media thumbnails mapped to the curved surface in a model space such that each individual media thumbnail has an apparent size to a user that depends upon an orientation of the media thumbnail on the curved surface with respect to a viewpoint; and

in response to a user input, rotating said three-dimensional image to bring a selected region of interest of the curved surface into a face-on view to display program information of interest;

the level of detail displayed in each media thumbnail depending on its apparent area such that media thumbnails brought into a face-on view have the highest level of detail whereas media thumbnails with the smallest apparent area display the lowest level of detail;

wherein said three-dimensional image comprises a cylinder and a video fill buffer is mapped onto said cylinder so that media thumbnails are arranged about the circumference of said cylinder to represent a time sequence of content.

39. (cancelled)

40. (currently amended) The method of claim 38 ~~claim 39~~, further comprising: in response to a user input, rotating said cylinder to reveal program information.

41-55. (cancelled)

56. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein a media thumbnail includes at least one picture and at least one type of font.

57. (previously presented) The method of claim 56, wherein a media thumbnail includes at least two types of fonts, wherein the smallest of the two types of fonts is not displayed for thumbnails having the smallest apparent area.

58. (previously presented) The method of claim 56, wherein a small size font is displayed only for media thumbnails having a face-on view.

59. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising generating a cursor displayed on local coordinates of said curved surface for a user to navigate the curved surface in said local coordinates.

60. (previously presented) The method of claim 59, further comprising in response to a user using said cursor to select a media thumbnail displaying a low level of detail, rotating the selected media thumbnail into a face-on view displaying a higher level of detail.